Docket No.: 20256/C38435/11169

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) M. R. HICKLING

Serial No.: 09/734,803

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HAIR COLORANT COMPOSITION For: CONTAINING PHYTANTRIOL

> New York, New York April 10, 2002

Examiner: S. Gollamud

Art Unit: 1616

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Examiner's Interview conducted on April 5, 2002 in which the Examiners' agreed that the amendments and arguments set forth below would likely overcome the rejections of record and the Office Action of October 10, 2001, which set a shortened statutory period of time that expired on January 10, 2002. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. With this extension, the due date for reply to the Office Action will be April 10, 2002. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$920.00 to cover the fee for 04/19/2002 RHEBRAHT 00000096 09734803 the extension of time. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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